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Honorable Gordon Gray
Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Executive Office of the President
National Security Council
Washington

January 29, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION

SUBJECT: Report to the President by the President's Board
of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities,
dated December 20, 1956

The President, after consideration of agency comments thereon,
has directed action as indicated below, on the following recommendation
of the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence
Activities:

Recommendation: "We suggest that you lend your prestige to
the recruitment of personnel to study Soviet
high-grade ciphers. This program, at your
request, might possibly be managed by the
Science Advisory Committee of the Office of
Defense Mobilization; or by the Weapons System
Evaluation Group of the Department of Defense."

Action: Refer to the Secretary of Defense and the
Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, for
the joint selection of a special panel of the
Science Advisory Committee to develop specific
recommendations for consideration by the
Special COMINT Committee. The Secretary of
State, the Director of Central Intelligence,
and the Director, National Security Agency,
will be consulted both in the selection of the
panel and in the development of recommendations
by the panel.

In approving the above action, the President has directed that a
report be submitted to him as soon as practicable and prior to taking
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JAMES S. LAY, JR.,
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